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The Old Woman's Money

AN EPISODE OF THE FRONTIER.

E sat in the little frontier hotel at Pine Ridge Agency that stormy December night in '90. There were a number of us—all newspaper correspondents—and a few interpreters, officers and reservation employes. The days previous had been full of excitement, the Brule and Ogallala Sioux were engaged in the Ghost Dance or Messiah Craze. About the Agency General Miles had grouped some 1,500 troops; beyond their white tents clustered the dingy tepees of the Indians, some 800 of men.

We greatly enjoyed those evenings in the hotel. They brought back to memory pictures of the old West—staging, buffalo hunting, Indian fighting. And what a fund of information the scouts, interpreters and "old timers" poured into our willing ears! Each one could have talked all night and yet left the narration of his experiences unfinished then. We were especially interested in the singular career of B. He had left a home in Connecticut, and after varied experiences in Iowa and Nebraska joined a company of miners and with them entered the new mining camp of Deadwood. He was then but seventeen years old. That same winter he carried the first mail out of Deadwood to the Missouri River.

B. joined our circle while a scout was relating some experiences with stage robbers in the early seventies, and immediately entered into the conversation.

"So far as I know the smoothest trick, prompted by a desire to save money, ever played upon stage robbers occured near Miles City in '79. A load of passengers were almost within sight of the town. They had been traveling all day and were worn out, for the roads were awful bad in those days and all coaches bounced and swayed very much. Having come near their journey's end they were congratulating them selves. Hold-u s had been frequent. Two heavily armed messengers accompanied each coach, with orders to fire on any person acting suspiciously.

"'Dear me!" said an elderly man near the door, 'I'm glad we are safe. I have about $500 and if I had lost it I don't know where I could get more.'

"'I can get plenty of money,' said a traveling salesman, 'but the loss of what I have would put me to much trouble out here among strangers.'

"Two miners and a prospector, each with large rolls, expressed their satisfaction at passing dangerous points safely. The next speaker was a little old woman, kind and motherly in her ways.

"'My boy has started a restaurant in town and is doing well. He wanted me to come and help, so here I am, goodness knows far enough away from dear old Ohio. I thought he would need his mother, for these mining towns are wild, I hear, and full of temptations. I have only got $200. It's all the cash I have in the world. Fearing robbers I have put it in a place where no one would think of looking. You cannot guess where?' Of course the guesses were all wrong.

"'Well, I have four $50 bills against the sole of my foot inside my left shoe!"

"'Capital!' said the elderly gentleman. 'No one would ever think of looking for money in your shoe's. In a far corner, at the fron't sat a small—slender, black-haired man. No one spoke to him during the journey and he made no sound save occasionally to cough in a peculiar manner. Some of the passengers thought him to be a consumptive. Even when general good-fellowship prevailed he took no part in the conversation. Making bold the old lady said:

"And you; what would you do if you were held up?"

"A hollow cough and a shrug of the shoulders was all his reply.

"What a mean fellow!' thought the old gentleman. At this instant the coach lurched violently to one side and bang, bang, came the sudden reports of guns! One messenger was sho', the other compelled to throw up his hands before time for resistance, and consternation and terror prevailed within the coach.

"Lord, Lord!' prayed the elderly man.

"'Oh, dear, oh, dear!' cried the woman.

"Hustle up here, git out,' and one of robbers held the door open with his left hand while he covered the passengers with the revolver in his right. Of course they all filed out and were stood up in a row. There was much trembling on the part of the men and the poor old woman wept audibly. It only took a few moments to go through the pockets of the line and to investigate the messenger's small safe. Probably the road-agents would have taken to the hills at this moment had not one of them beheld the frail figure within the coach.

"'Hold on, boys; here's one we forgot,' and he started in with an oath to drag forth the comsumptive. As he entered a most plaintive, cough-interrupted voice greeted him, and, tough as he was, he paused.

"Please don't make me get out. I am very sick. I will die, I know. If you will only let me be I will tell you where you can get $200 which you have overlooked. I have no money, but I know where the $200 is.' The robbers outside, having heard the shrill, penetrating voice, glanced at each other. The The leader called out to his fellow within the coach; all right Bill find ou where them two hundred is and let the pore devil alone. We got to be skipping out.'

"The piping voice took courage. 'Gentlemen, if you will ask that old lady to remove her left shoe you will find the money.'

"The men began to mutter and scowl. The drummer even found courage enough to say it was a shame to rob a poor old woman of her last dollar, and no one but the most depraved sort of a road-agent would be guilty of such an act. The leader walked up to the drummer, slapped his faced and tickled the end of his nose with the muzzle of his six shooter. The drummer discreetly held his tongue until the thieves were gone.

"It was with sighs and sobs that the old lady seated herself on the ground, took the shoe from that fat foot, and handed up her last dollar. In a twinkling it was pocketed and the outlaws jumped for their horses and were gone.

"What a hubbub broke out when the people found themselves alone once more! With one accord they assailed the man within the coach.

"'Oh, you villain, you wretch, to tell them of my money!' cried the woman as she shook him by the shoulders The drummer entered at this moment. He had been talking to the other men of the party in low tones.

"'Just step out, madam, we want to talk with him,' he said. She obeyed and several entered. It was noticed that the driver had his reins in his hands and one end of them looked suspiciously like a noose.

"'You d—d rascal,' said the driver, 'to have deliberately given this woman's money over to those outlaws! We'll make short shift of you,' and he threw the noose over the man's head. There was a desperate struggle for a moment, and and then the noose fell down clean cut through. It was seen that the little man had a bowie in his hand. He spoke in a different voice this time.

"'For God's sake, don't bother me here. You can hang me at Miles City as well as here. It's only a little way; I shall not escape. When we get there I will have something to tell you which will explain my action. A man always has a right to have a fair hearing before he is hung, and I claim that privilege.'

"'Well, we can hang him there as well as here.'

"Some one helped the driver with the body of the messenger, and the coach started for town. The drummer the miner and several others watched the little man intently, but he made no movement nor did he speak until the coach lumbered up in front of the post-office and hotel; then he said in a quiet voice:

"'I am Tom——,' (one of the famous men of the Black Hills,) 'and I have $40,000 in this grip. The only way to save it was by telling the robbers of the old woman's money. I am glad to return it to her and a stake extra for the worry I caused her. As for the rest of you. I have nothing to do with your losses. We all ran the same risk. I wish you good evening,' and he stepped quickly from his seat to the door into the street, dropping a bundle of bills into the lady's lap as he passed."

And after lighting his pipe our story-teller passed out into the night and wended his way to his humble cabin.

Tours to California.

California has been most fittingly termed the "Italy of America." All the delicious balm, the cloudless sky, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific. Here nature basks in the sunshine of her beauty; and here she has established her own sanitarium, where eternal spring inspires everlasting youth. With the snow-mantled peaks of the Sierras upon the one hand, the calm Pacific with its soft breezes upon the other, and a veritible paradise of flowers, fruits, and plants between, man can find and needs no lovelier land. To visit such a country is a privilege, a blessing.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, recognizing the need of a more comfortable and pleasant way of crossing the continent, inaugurated a series of annual tours to California, running a through train of Pullman palace cars from New York to the Pacific Coast, and stopping at the principal points of interest en route. The great popularity of these tours demonstrates the wisdom of the movement.

For the season of 1897 three tours have been arranged to leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg, January 27, February 24, and March 27.

The first tour will run direct to San Diego via St. Louis and the Santa F Route, and return from San Francisco via Salt Lake City, Denver, and Chicago, allowing five weeks in California.

The second tour will run via the Mammoth Cave and New Orleans to San Diego, stopping at the "Crescent City" during the the Mardi Gras Carnival. This tour will return via Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, and Chicago, allowing four weeks in California.

The third tour will run via Chicago, Denver, and Salt Lake City, allowing passengers to return by regular trains via different routes within nine months.

All of these tours, either going or returning, will pass through the famous Colorado region, Glenwood Springs, Leadville, and the Garden of the Gods.

Rates from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg: First tour, $310; second tour, $350; third tour, $210 round trip, and $150 one way.

For detailed itineraries and other information, apply at ticket agencies, special booking offices, or address George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

PROFESSIONAL SHOPPERS.

SOME TRICKS OF THE TRADE.

"I would like to look at the coats—those advertised at $7.50 to be sold today."

"Certainly, Come this way, madam," and the customer follows the saleswoman to where the big-sleeved coats, double-breasted, single-breasted, rough and smooth finish were laid out for inspetcion.

"That fits, madam, beautifully," avers the sales woman, as the cu tomer fastens the last button on a stylish looking coat and turns to view herself in the glass.

"A trifle loose cross the shoulders, don't you think?" comments the wearer, craning her neck to obtain a better view.

"Not at all. It is the way you are standing that gives the back that appearance. Here is a hand glass. Now see; why, the coat fits you as if were made to order!"

I don't like it," decides the shopper. "Let me see that diagonal one with the velvet collar."

The discarded coat is drawn off and the other substituted.

"These coats are all really a bargain," says the saleswoman as she tucks in the big sleeves. "It's true they are not silk lined, but the inside finish is very neat, and they are such a good cut."

"Yes, that looks very well, but I don't like the sleeves; they are a little bit short, and"——

"But we will alter any little fault like that free of charge," says the saleswoman.

"But there's a flaw in the material right where it will show most," objects the shopper.

Another coat is tried with no better success, and finally the customer withdraws, regretting that she cannot be suited.

"She's one of them," says the saleswoman to the head of the department, as she gathers up the pile of coats to put them back in place.

The forewoman laughs. "What makes you think so?" she inquires.

"She didn't want to buy any coat. Two that she tried on fit like wax, and her excuses were made out of the whole cloth. I looked at her real good, and I think I have seen her behind Z's silk counter more than once. She just come here to see what sort of goods we were giving for $7.50."

"And what were you doing in Z's when you saw her behind the silk counter, eh?" says the forewoman, making a grimace and pinching her chum's arm in significant fashion.

"Finding out what sort of silk it was that Z. could afford to sell for 98 cents," says the other smilingly. "Oh, well, 'turn about's fair play, I suppose, but I admit I got out of patience with that woman; she need not have tried on quite so many."

"It's a pleasure to wait on Mrs. A.; she has such exquisite taste, and takes such an interest in everything," said one of D's clerks, who had just escorted an elegant-looking woman to the elevator.

"Did she buy the rug?"

"No. She's afraid that it don't quite accord with the decorations in the particular room she was selecting for She's going to advise the parties and come in again about it. She says she's looked all about, and that these rugs are the best value for the money in the city."

"Has cards out, hasn't she?" asked the other clerks.

"Oh, yes. Her means are reduced, you know, and she shops regularly for people out of town; makes something like $100 a month at it."

"I suppose shopping for people out of town is the only business she is engaged in?" observed the other carelessly.

"What do you mean?"

"Why, I happen to know that she's engaged regularly to keep a certain firm posted on the way the goods run in other houses."

"How do you know it?"

"Well, I could not swear to it before a jury, because I have never heard her make her reports to the firm, but you watch her movements the next time she comes in and I rather think you'll agree with me."

Mrs. A.'s advocate looks crestfallen, but she sticks to his guns.

"It's not a nice business to be in, I suppose, he observed, "but what's a woman to do when she's got her own way to make?"

"Yes, I think the artistic work on that vase, for $9, is something wonderful," declares an enthusiastic purchaser. "One would take it to have cost at least $12 Have it sent to No. 29 West Blank-st., C. O. D."

The charming vase with its Dresden shepherdesses and garlands of flowers in due time finds its way to No. 29, and in due time is transferred thence to the managing referee of a big department store.

"Yes, I see now," says the critic, "how Alcott could sell these goods at such a low figure. And, Mrs. B., the first chance you get bring us a report of J. & L.'s fur's. Buy a cape or muff if necessary, and don't feel stinted in the price. We leave that entirely to your judgment."

J. & L.'s clerks made haste to show their costliest and choices: goods to Mrs. B., who shops in her carriage, and who, from the top of her tastefully bonneted head to the toe of her smartly booted foot, is the reflection of quiet elegance. The attendants are all obsequiousness and her slightest whim is law. The furs delivered at her residence are not beneath her roof long, however; they follow the $9 vase to the private rooms of the big department store.

"Every merchant who pretends at al to keep in touch with the movements of trade, and who is alert as to correct methods of business is compelled to know more about the inner workings of rival houses than he could learn through mere customers," said one who has made merchandising a study.

Every day the advertising columns of all the principal papers are spread before him, and thoroughly canvassed by man of judgment and keen discernment.

"Gloves real kid, ot 89 cents," reads one of these experts. Immediately an electric bell is touched.

"Ask Miss M. to step up here," the messenger is told; and in a few moments one of the cleverest women in the glove department is awaiting orders.

The expert agent simply hands her the clippings from the department. "Investigate," he says laconically.

"A pair of good kid gloves," Miss M. is saying a half hour later to the girl at the glove counter of the firm which advertised.

"Something at $2" says the girl opening a box.

"You advertised gloves at 89 cents, show me those, please."

"They are all sold," says the girl.

"Indeed I only came for a pair, because I thought them such a bargain."

"Just a fake sale," Miss M. reports on her return. "All sold before 11 o'clock. They never had them at all."

"I thought that firm was above such devices for attracting trade."

It may be that Miss M. finds a pair of the 89 cent gloves and finds them other than represented, not of kid and inferior; in this case she secures a pair and the rival firm examines them at leisure.

It is the same with velvets, wraps, silverware, jewelery, carpets, laces and indiscriminate articles; with anything that constitutes an important item in merchandise.

"How much does a professional shopper of this description make a week?" an authority was asked.

"The salary depends upon the ability and tact of the employe; $25 a week would be paid to a woman who understood her business—even $50 if the woman had social prestige, and commanding presence sufficient to insure her unusual attention at the hands of the clerks and initiation into the business moves of the firm. A person so situated in life as to evade suspicion as to her real employment is of infinitely more value to her employers than one who would seem to need money; the rich woman would be shown everything, the poor one would be ignored."

The common custom is to employ the most tactful and able woman in the various departments to make these little expeditions into the realms of prices, qualities, etc. These women of course, are paid extra money for their services. Nobody would send a saleswoman from the suit department to look into matter of silverware or laces or ribbons, and nobody would dream of employing a person in the ribbon department to see how carpets or furs were going. Except in rare instances it is found best to employ people already identified with the house, those who could have no incentive for representing things other than as they are. Occasionally, however, a firm gets hold of a treasure in the guise of womanhood who has what they call a nose for scenting the movements of rival houses, and who thoroughly enjoys the work. Tact is not the only attribute required. Many women possess innate tact to a degree to whom anything like the semblance of double dealing would be impossible. In a certain city there is a certain woman of society who augments her slender resources considerably and steadily by keeping track of the various trade movements in the reputable stores. She has done this for years. These stores have no "special sales," but it is desirable to know how they are selling their goods.

A woman who has always lived and dressed expensively, and who has associated with people who live sumptuously is a better judge of fine raiment and house decorations than is the best-trained expert. Her ideas and interests have centred in such things all her life. She is the woman who loves to shop, loves to see and examine pretty things, and to fancy she is making them her own. She is plentifully supplied with money by the firm and the clerks in the stores from whom she makes her purchases never go to her house to note that the things so lavishly bought do not remain there.

A well-trained professional will know by instinct almost when there is to be a change made in the membership or management of a firm. She finds out what circulars they are going to send out and what those circulars will set forth. She has such opportunities well at hand when, in the guise of shopping for a large constituency, the firms from which she buys pay her commission on the sales, thus coming in closer contact with her than they would under ordinary circumstances. Professional shoppers, flitting from store to store, are as necessary to lively competition and the backbone of trade as the drummer, the buyer or the sales people themselves.

"They say that wheeling makes you girls too tired to broil a steak."

"Yes, but it doesn't make us too tired to eat it."

Washington . . . Letter

R. Cleveland may or may not send the special message to Congress on Cuban affairs, which report says he has prepared during the recess, but his action in ordering the cruiser Vesuvius and the dispatch boat Dolphin to proceed to Florida waters and join the U. S. vessels already there in preventing filibustering, is a notification to Congress that the administration has not in the slightest changed its attitude towards Cuba. Conservative men in the Senate will endeavor to privately argue with those Senators who are regarded as likely to make incendiary speeches on the Cameron resolution, in order to have them not speak at all, or at any rate if they do speak, not to use language calculated to excite the country. There is no question that the conservative men in both branches of Congress, regardless of their personal opinion about what should ultimately be done by this government, believe that as long as the matter has been allowed to stand up to this time it will be wisest to leave it unacted upon until the change of administration. And it is the opinion of your correspondent that whatever the Senate may do, the House will take this view of the matter and will do nothing.

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The fact most strongly brought out by the first week of the tariff hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee is that, taken as a whole, the men who have appeared before the committee have taken a common sense business view of the tariff, and have asked for nothing that could not be granted without violating the announced intention of the committee to make a moderate tariff bill—just enough protection to give our manufacturers, producers and working men the first call on the American market, admittedly the best in the world. Needless to say that Chairman Dingley and his Republican colleagues on the Committee are pleased with the hearings as far as they have gone. It would have been a waste of time for anybody to have asked unreasonable things but it is none the less pleasing that they have not done so.

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The House reassembles with a programme mapped out for a week's work outside of the appropriation bills, which are being steadily pushed ahead by the committees. Tuesday and Wednesday the Loud bill shutting novels, books published serially and sample copies of newspapers out of the privilege of being sent through the mail at pound rates will be discussed and disposed of. The fate of the bill is in doubt with the chances slightly in favor of its being defeated by a small margin. Thursday the Pacific railroad funding bill will be taken up, and after four days discussion it will be voted upon. The general impression is that it will pass, although its opponents will make a strong fight against it and are claiming that they can defeat it.

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While Republicans in Congress have nothing but good wishes to express towards the trip Senator Wolcott has undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining what is thought in Europe of the proposed effort to bring about international bimetallism, which this Congress will authorize, and which will be made early in the administration of President McKinley, they do not wish the statement to go uncontradicted that Senator Wolcott went upon this errand at the request of the Republican caucus committee of which he is chairman, or of President-elect McKinley. This contradiction can best be given in Senator Wolcott's own words: "I am going solely at the request of the Bimettalic League to examine into the general sentiment on the subject throughout the world, and report to the League. I go informally and unofficially, and I depreciate any publication which intimates anything else. The League desires to know before the extra session of Congress is called, exactly what the situation is. I expect to be able to return and make my report within two months. I cannot say what my course will be abroad, except that I will first consult with the Bimetallic League of Great Britain."

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The Republican Senators are just human enough not to do anything to prevent the silver Democrats carrying out their threat of hanging up the nominations of gold Democrats sent to the Senate by Mr. Cleveland, except in cases where failure to confirm might make future trouble, as for instance, Secretary Francis. It might make disagreeable and costly legal complications for years if the Senate failed to act upon his nomination to be Secretary of the Interior, and the Republican Senators will see that his nomination is acted upon; but in the other cases, every nomination left unacted upon means another appointment placed at the disposal of President McKinley. Republican Senators would not have originated such a method of increasing the party patronage, but they are not called upon to interfere now that the silver Democrats have done so.

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40 Third " " " $ 25 Gold Watches	-	1,000.00
Cash and Prizes given each month	- -	$3,400.00
		12
Total given during 12 mos. 1897,		$40,800.00

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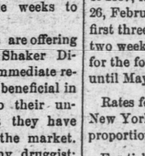

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3	Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and District of Columbia.
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RULES.

1. Every month during 1897 in each of the 4 districts prizes will be awarded as follows:

The 1 Competitor who sends in the Largest Number of coupons from the district in which he or she resides will receive $100 Cash.

The 5 Competitors who send in the Next Largest Numbers of coupons from the district in which they reside will Each receive at winner's option a lady's or gentleman's Pierce Special bicycle, price $100.00.

The 10 Competitors who send in the Next Largest Numbers of coupons from the district in which they reside will Each receive at winner's option a lady's or gentleman's Gold Watch, price $25.

2. The Competitions will Close the Last Day of Each Month during 1897. Coupons received too late for one month's competition will be put into the next.

3. Competitors who obtain wrappers from unsold soap in dealer's stock will be disqualified. Employees of Lever Brothers, Ltd., and their families, are debarred from competing.

4. A printed list of Winners in Competitor's districts will be forwarded to Competitors in about 21 days after each competition closes.

5. Lever Brothers, Ltd., will endeavor to award the prizes fairly to the best of their ability and judgment, but it is understood that all who compete agree to accept the award of Lever Brothers, Ltd., as final.

LEVER BROS., Ltd., New York.

TISS ME DOOD-NIGHT.

"Pease, mamma, pease, tiss me dood-night,"
My blue-eyed love, with sunny curls,
Stood pleading 'tween her sobs and tears,
I said, "I can't kiss naughty girls."

I led her to her snowy cot,
"Pease, mamma, pease," she sobbed again,
"I won't be naughty anymore."
I left her all her, pleadings vain.

I had been reared in Spartan school,
And deemed it duty to control
With rigid rule, nor never knew
That love with love should sway the soul.

I heard her sob, my mother heart
With yearning filled, to soothe and cheer,
Yet, I refrained, and in her sleep
My baby still lay sobbing there.

'Twas midnight when I felt a touch—
A fever'd hand lay on my brow,
My white-robed baby pleaded still,
"Pease, mamma, pease; I can't s'eep now."

All through that agonizing night
Delirious she moaned in pain,
The little broken heart still plead
For kisses that I gave in vain.

At dawn the angels hovered near;
She nestled close, and smiled and said,
"I won't be naughty any more,"
And in my arms my babe lay—dead.

And I am old; the passing years
Have brought no comfort in their flight,
My heart still hears that sobbing cry,
"Pease, mamma, pease, tiss me dood-night."

Kate Tyson Marr, in Form.

A drowning man would have little use for a method of rescue which would require days. A dyspeptic doesn't want to bother with a remedy that is to take weeks to show its beneficial effects.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers are offering a product under the name of Shaker Digestive Cordial which yields immediate relief. The very first dose proves beneficial in most cases; and it is owing to their unbounded confidence in it, that they have put 10 cent sample bottles on the market. These can be had through any druggist; and it will repay the afflicted to invest the trifling sum necessary to make a trial.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial relieves by resting the stomach and aiding the digestion of food.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil

Young Lithtpate—"How long does a man have to study if he wants to be a good lawyer?"

Lawyer Sharp—"Why do you ask that question?"

"Because I am thinking of studyiug myself."

"Five hundred years."

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its bathing, its fishing and hunting, and its extensive forests, Florida presents unrivaled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature, the sportsman, and the explorer.

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He—"And what would you do if I kissed you?"

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"How is your wife, Cap'n Plowjoger?"

"Waal," replied the captain, with a solemn not to say sad countenance; "waal, to tell the trewth, I'm kinder out of wives just now."

Holiday Tour to Washington.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces another of its annual holiday tours to Washington. The generous patronage which has hitherto been accorded these tours has been very gratifying, and the present season indicates no diminution. To all patriotic Americans Washington is intensely interesting, and it will be especially so during the gay festivities of the holiday season and on the eve of a Presidenial inauguration.

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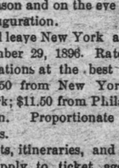

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AND IT'S "NOBODY."

The organization of both branches of the General Assembly at Dover on Tuesday by the Democrats possibly means the defeat of the Republican Party in the State for years. In the opinion of Republicans the seating of Mr. Meredith in the Senate, his opponent having a majority of 99 votes, was a clear steal. A prominent business man of Dover who is known all over the State said to the writer on Tuesday: "I am a Democrat and was born a Democrat as you know, a free trader because I believe in it. For over twenty years I have contributed to the Democratic campaign fund in Kent county for the purchase of votes and have no use for Addicks because I believe he is the last man in Delaware to be sent to the Senate but I think the steal of the election by the Democratic returning board in this county is the most outrageous I ever heard of. Nothing in the south or by Tammany Hall can exceed it, and no Republican returning board could have acted so and have remained in this county."

That is the opinion of one Democrat. There may be many more who think like him in all or in part, but few of them are so outspoken. The only justification attempted, the defeat of Mr. Addicks' aspirations for the Senate, does not stand since the Democrats have a majority on joint ballot whose election is unquestioned. The purpose of the politicians is to legislate. Mr. Kelley and Mr. Rettew and the Levy Courtmen of Kent and Sussex counties will most probably be legislated out of office. Another appeal may be made to the courts and the Republicans may get "justice," a decision in their favor, after the Legislature has adjourned and the damage has been done. How long will it benefit the men who did the deed? How soon will the act return to annoy them?

HOW WAS IT DONE?

By force in part, by assurance in great measure, by lack of understanding and union of action among Republicans. It has been stated that the Republicans had intended and agreed to do just what the Democrats did. This is denied by Republican Senators. Said one of them: "We had not a man who would have been guilty of the outrages perpetrated by Senator Pyle." The agreement among the Republicans was to elect Mr. Pierce Speaker if they could when it came to an election, and to make Mr. Alrichs temporary speaker if they could, believing that neither Meredith nor Allee could rightfully take part in the organization, and that four could not elect over four. Barney McVey held the door to the Senate Chamber by force, under what authority has not been stated. The Democrats had been making propositions of various kinds to the Republican Senators, possibly directly or indirectly through messages to all of them. The offers were a clerkship, or sergeant-at-arms, &c for the speakership. These offers may have been genuine at the time or they may have been a blind to throw Republicans off the track of their real intent. There are charges of treachery in the Republican ranks which may be true but judging from the past the charges would probably be made were they without the least foundation. Acts of treachery and persistent charges of treachery where it had no existence have kept the Republicans of Delaware out of power, despite the warranted and unwarranted conduct of political opponents. It is the old story of a divided household.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

"All or nothing," my man "or no body," are responsible for the consummation and perhaps in a great measure for the iniative of the defeat within the Republican Party. The Union Republicans were made by their leaders to believe that they could win over all; they took the risk and lost, and to-day many of them are so angry that they cannot speak to a Republican friend without charging him as the responsible agent of defeat. No reference must be made to Addicks' treachery of two years ago, nor to the fact that he defeated the Party in New Castle county at the recent election, when by the nomination of his own ticket here before any action had been taken by the Republicans of Kent or Sussex he defeated the Party in this county. Mr. J. Frank Eliason who was endorsed by the Union Republicans is the only Republican in the House and his presence there by over 2000 majority is proof that there could have been a Republican in the Senate in place of Mr. Pyle and six others in the House from this county elected as he was elected. Many of the radical Kent county men will consider none of these things and the writer heard in Dover on Tuesday threats of boycotting in business and socially Republicans who did not follow the "star" on Nov. 3d. This feeling which exists more openly now has been entertained factionally for years and it has had much to do in bringing the division where it is to-day. Some of these radicals are men who have been in all the factions and are seekers after the plums, others want nothing and desire nothing, certainly no pecuniary aid, but they have other reasons, satisfactory to themselves, and upon these they stand to the defeat of their party.

AGAINST NEW CASTLE.

The prejudice against New Castle notwithstanding her claims to recognition either as the home of the great majority of the State or as the source of revenue to the Treasury, is remarkable in both parties. Especially is this true of Republicans. In the election of 1894 Kent county furnished 19 per cent. of the Republican vote, Sussex 23 and New Castle 58 per cent, yet Kent claimed both the Gubernatorial and Congressional Candidates last fall and would compromise on nothing. In the last election over 60 per cent. of the vote cast for McKinley in Delaware came from New Castle county, 22 per cent. from Sussex and less than 18 per cent. from Kent county. Great stress is laid upon the majority vote of the Union Republicans in the last election. They lay claim to all who were purchased and to all who voted their ticket because they believed at the last it would prove the stronger though such voters deny any allegiance to Addicksism. There are more than enough of these two classes to make the two tickets in the State about equal or else the Addicks money did not reach the voters, did not win votes as it was claimed over.

DIVIDED WE FALL.

It is self evident that the Republican Party is divided, the division having begun two years ago when the "Addicks men" and the "Massey men" in the General Assembly refused to caucus for United States Senator; the division was emphasized on the 9th of May, 1895, when four members under the direction of Mr. Addicks united with the Democrats to prevent an election; the parting of the ways came on May 9th, 1896, when the rights of the representatives of sixty per cent. of the Republican vote in the State, when a majority of the delegates in each of the two Election Districts in New Castle county, were turned down and ignored at the behests and wave of the hand of man who had said one year before "I will be the Republican Party in Delaware by my money or there shall be none." We think our good friends in Kent county and their associates in the other two counties must in their cooler moments consider that they are not free from blame in all these matters. All may have a share of blame but abuse, the boycott, and the nursing of hard feeling will not mend matters, nor will they heal for future union. If the intention is to drive, it will not work. The six thousand and more Republicans in New Castle county who stamped the American eagle as the emblem of their political liberty with consciousness of duty done on November 3d, the seven thousand in the State, stand to-day for the success of the Republican Party in the State, and on any fair and honorable basis are willing to meet on the same platform all Republicans. The outlook for the party is dark indeed. Unless Col duPont shall be seated a United States Senator has been lost to the State and lost to the party in the Nation when most needed. Perhaps better judgment may control matters in the future. Not all the Republicans in Dover on Tuesday were such as we have described. There were those of all factions, with cool heads and honest purpose who had buried all hostile and factional feeling, and were working to save the organization of the Senate or rather to the end that a fair and honest organization should be effected. To men of that disposition, that class, the party must now look. Had their advice been followed at Dover the result would have been different. Can the party rise above the defeat it has met, a defeat which would have been impossible with a united party?

THE CONVENTION.

The Constitutional Convention reassembled on Monday after a prolonged vacation. They met in the new room over the new Library Building. The four members from Kent county who have not been in the convention heretofore took their seats on Monday. They presented an address explaining their absence but it was not entered on the journal because it reflected on the action of the convention in the organization.

The article on the Purity of Elections was reported from the committee and laid over for future consideration.

The most important decision reached during the week is to give the Governor veto power, taking a three-fifths vote to pass a measure over a veto. The question was discussed at length. Many favored a two-thirds vote to pass a bill over a veto while others favored a mere majority vote.

Under the new constitution Delaware is to have a Lieutenant Governor. There will be no more John Pyles to usurp authority. This officer is to receive the salary of Speaker of the Senate, whose place he takes, unless he should succeed to the office of Governor with its salary. The recommendations made by Mr. Hearne's committee are as follows:

1. A lieutenant govenor shall be elected at the same time and for the same term as the governor; he shall possess the same qualifications of eligibility for office as the governor, and he shall be president of the Senate, but shall have no vote unless the Senate be equally divided.

Upon any vacancy happening in the office of governor by his death, removal, resignation, or inability, the lieutenant-governor shall exercise the office during the residue of the term, or until the disability shall cease.

The lieutenant-governor shall receive for his services the same compensation as shall be provided by law for the speaker of the House of Representatives.

2. The following state officers shall be elected by the people of the state:

Attorney-General.
State treasurer.
Auditor.
Insurance commissioner.

3. The following county officers shall be elected by the people of the respective counties:

Prothonotary.
Clerk of the peace.
Register of wills.
Recorder of deeds.
Register in chancery and clerk of the Orphans' Court.

4. All fees received by the sheriffs and other county officers in excess of ——dollars, shall be paid to the county treasurer for the use of the county.

GOVERNOR WATSON'S message to the General Assembly is far above the average of such documents and its recommendations merit a careful perusal of the citizens of the State. How he reconciles his votes for U. S. Senator on May 9th, 1895, with the following from his message, is difficult to understand:

"Although it is not for the executive to participate in the enactment of laws, nor his wish to interfere with you in the discharge of your executive functions, yet the constitution enjoins upon him the duty of giving to you information of affairs concerning the State, and of recommending to your consideration such measures as he shall deem expedient."

The inconsistency of the Democratic contention that the Governor (having been Speaker) has a right to vote in the General Assembly is shown from the fact that Mr. Watson is not now a State Senator, hence can be no longer Speaker, and yet he is our Governor, and will be until Mr. Tunnell is sworn in on Tuesday, January 19th.

California.

At 8.13 A. M. Wednesday, January 27, a special train of Pullman composite, dining sleeping, compartment, and observation cars will leave the handsome Jersey Depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, bound for San Diego, California, and conveying the first of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's personally-conducted tours to the Pacific Coast.

This train will be the finest that ever crossed the continent, and the tour it carries one of the most elaborate and complete ever conceived for trans-continental and pleasure travel. In charge of an affable and experienced tourist agent, assisted by a highly-accomplished chaperon, this party without fear of missing train connections, and without any of those petty annoyances incident to individual traveling, crosses the American continent with as much comfort and ease as it would spend a week at the Waldorf, stopping, too, at St. Louis, Kansas City, Las Vegas Hot Springs, and Santa Fe, and visiting their principal points of interest. A bath room, barber shop, and an upright piano will be found on the train, and every other convenience and luxury of a first-class hostelry.

The great object of this tour is to escape the insalubrious climate of the East and to sojourn for a time amid the transcendent beauties of California, breathe its invigorating air and bask beneath its matchless sky. A grander attraction could not be offered, nor a more perfect method of reaching it.

Five weeks will be allowed in this "Paradise of the Pacific," during which tourists will visit Los Angeles, Pasadena, "Ye Alpine Tavern," Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Mt. Hamilton, and the garden spot of the earth, Del Monte.

Returning, tourists will stop at Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Denver, and Chicago. Two days will be spent visiting the famous and sublime freaks of nature in the Manitou region.

Tickets for this tour, including railroad transportation, Pullman accomodations (one double berth), meals *en route*, carriage drives, and hotel accomodations going and returning, and transportation in California, will be sold at rate of $310.00 from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg.

Apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The Delaware River at Bordentown is coated with ice of sufficient thickness to be crossed from shore to shore on foot.

According to college statistics, Girard College, Philadelphia, is the richest college in this country, having over eleven and a quarter millions of endowment.

While the oath of office was being administered to the new Governor of North Dakota at Bismark, on Wednesday, a telegram was handed him announcing the death of his eldest daughter.

Dr. Wm. H. Pancoast, an eminent physician and surgeon of Philadelphia, died Tuesday night age 64. He was President of the Medico-Chirugical College and a member of all the Medical Societies in the City.

A man in London is making a lot of money by lending out a £1,000 Bank of England note for swell weddings, to be exhibited as the gift of the bride's father. A man is sent along to watch the note, and can be made very useful in exhibiting the presents.

James R. Francisco who died recently at Fremont, Ohio, in the eighty-second year of his age, was one of the oldest railway engineers in the country. Mr. Francisco operated the John Bull engine which was brought from England in 1836 and was put on Camden and Amboy Railway to take the place of horses that had formerly hauled the cars. That famous engine was exhibited at the World's Fair.

Richard Cornelius, Cashier of the National Farmers and Planters Bank, Baltimore, committed suicide by drowning on Monday. A $40,000 shortage in his accounts was the cause of his taking his life. He was a prominent man in church and society, a member of the Madison Avenue M. E. official Board, trustee of the Woman's College and was a local preacher. He was a hard worker for the church and its various benevolences.

In her search for sympathy and help among the European Powers, Spain found the cold shoulder everywhere; was told that she didn't know what was good for her; that her hysterical domestic politics were ridiculous, and that all the other countries would be rather glad if she were to lose Cuba. Her isolation is complete, if not splendid, and after she has lost the last of the provinces she has so long misgoverned, she will have abundant leisure to meditate the precept that nations, like men, must reap as they have strewn, and that destiny has no side door or rathole of escape for them.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates:

From Philadelphia, $5.40; Harrisburg, $5.06; Wilmington, $4.35; Baltimore, $1.60 and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

The Teachers' Round Table

Conducted by A. R. SPAID, Highlands, Del.

All teachers and friends of Education in New Castle County and the teachers of Kent and Sussex are invited to take seats.

[All persons who take an interest in this column should send their names and address for enrollment.]

28. JULIA W. ELLISON,
Kirkwood, Delaware.
29. MINNIE H. JOHNSON,
Glasgow, Delaware.

Those who studied their notes made at Institute were not sorry on examination day. Several questions were taken from the list in the Round Table.

Are the members of the Round Table trying to get their friends interested in our column? All true knights should strive to increase our membership.

When you send in your name for enrollment you should also send 25c to pay your subscription till July 1st or 50c for a year. Teachers should always pay as they go.

Should any of the lady teachers, who were examined in Wilmington, fail to get a certificate, they can lay all the blame on that mischievous little mouse that went about inspecting the several candidates until he met his fate at the hands of the examiner.

Margaret B.—I thank you for your kind letter. It was happily put, and judging therefrom, I would say that you are a teacher who carries sunshine into the school room.

The following letter, which was published in the "Morning News," January 5, is now given the members of the Round Table for their consideration. If you favor the introduction of military drill into our schools, we shall be pleased to hear from you

AN ADVOCATE OF PEACE.

To the Editor of "The Morning News."

Sir: The persons who appeared recently before the Board of Education of Wilmington to enter their protest against the introduction of military drill into the public schools of Delaware are the very best soldiers of our country, for they are fighting for principles which mean the greatest liberty to the most people.

The peacemaker is greater that the warrior. The nation that settles a question by arbitration is more patriotic than the one that settles its disputes by force of arms. Why teach nations arbitration and instruct our children in military tactics? The whole thing is inconsistent.

We do not want war. Even as much as we love liberty, it is quite evident that the thinking people of the United States are opposed to war. The Cuban question is sufficient proof.

We have no foreign enemy, and we are unlikely to have so long as our government acts intelligently. But we have a domestic enemy and over 11 per cent. of the people of Delaware belong to this brigade. The leader of this mighty legion is General Ignorance. When he is driven out of the state and union this nation will forever be at peace.

If a just cause ever comes to this nation for war, the soldiers will not be lacking. This is the verdict of history. And a righteous cause generally finds its leaders.

Maceo, Cuba's great patriot, who annoyed over 100,000 of Spain's soldiers for nearly two years, was not trained in military tactics in his youth; but the muleteer, carter and day laborer learned enough, when occasion presented itself, to outgeneral the trained Weyler, who sat in his palatial residence in Havana and attempted to surround the wily rebel with "pin soldiers" on carrboad.

Have we not heard enough recently about arraying the "masses against the classes?" Then shall we foster a system of soldiery which is always repulsive and antagonistic to the agricultural class of any nation? Do we wish to become a Germany, where an army officer may thrust a citizen through with his sword with impunity for a trivial offense? Do our young men desire to be taken from their homes to do army duty for three years? Of course not.

Then why military drills for our schools? Many of our schools have sports, games, drills and calisthenics in sufficient quantity to make military drill unnecessary as an exercise. We want no uniformed instructors in our public schools. The teachers of the children of a republic must wear the garb of a citizen. The sight of a soldier's uniform is sufficient to make a boy forget his lessons for half a day. The brass buttons on a soldier's coat have caused more than one foolish boy to join the army.

If our boys must learn war let them attend our military academies; if they must wear a soldier's uniform, let them enter a college where such is required; but let the minds of our children in the public schools ever be free from thoughts of war. The boy who has a well-trained mind knows how to care for his body. He will also make a good soldier if occasion should demand it. A. R. SPAID.

Wilmington, January 2, 1897.

Examination Papers Used Jan. 1897.

INSTRUCTIONS.

At the *left* upper corner of every page of your answers write your name, and at the *right* upper corner the number of your page. 2.—Write the number of the answer to correspond with that of the question. 3.—A line should be left blank for each answer. 4.—Not more than one subject should be written on any page. 6.—In Arithmetic give the work in *full*, and before the answer write *Ans.* No credit will will be allowed if the work is not given. 6.—All writing must be in ink. *Extra credits* will be given for the neatness of papers. 7.—Candidates must furnish work on each of the branches or their papers will not be received. 8.—Candidates giving or receiving assistance during the examination will forfeit all right to a certificate. 9.—90 per centum of the work entitles the candidate to a Provisional Certificate, 75 per centum to a Second Grade Certificate, 90 per centum to a First Grade Certificate. 10.—Positively no communication or leaving the room without permission.

HISTORY.

1.—(*a*) Tell what you can about Mason and Dixon's line. (*b*) State the manner in which the President of the United States is chosen. (*c*) What qualifications must he have?

2.—Give an account of the two battles of Saratoga, which will include (*a*) location, (*b*) name of the commanders, (*c*) the effect on the course of the war.

3.—What were the causes of the War 1812? What were the results?

4.—Give an account of the Peninsula Campaign.

5.—Name and discuss current events.

PEDAGOGY.

1.—Give some rules for securing and cultivating attention.

2.—(*a*) Give your method of teaching reading to a class in the first grade. (*b*) Make out a lesson for a class in this grade.

3.—Give an outline of first grade work in geography.

4.—Name four great education leaders and give a short history of each.

5.—(*a*) How can the teacher aid in the character building of her pupils? (*b*) A teacher's reading should be along what three lines?

GEOGRAPHY.

1.—Compare the New England States with the Southern States in respect to (*a*) surface, (*b*) climate. (*c*) productions and occupations, (*d*) inhabitants.

2.—Describe the following rivers:—(*a*) Murray, (*b*) Ganges, (*c*) Niger, (*d*) Volga, (*e*) Mackenzie.

3.—Name two large seaports of (a) Germany, (*b*) France, (*c*) Spain, (*d*) China.

4.—Give an account of Cuba which will include (*a*) situation, (*b*) size, (*c*) number and character of its inhabitants, (*d*(productions, (*e*) commerce with the United States.

5.—Tell what you can about the wheat industry.

PHYSIOLOGY.

1.—Describe fully the organ of hearing.

2.—How are digested materials taken into the blood?

3.—(*a*) What is the action of the air in the lungs? (*b*) How can the school room be ventilated? (*c*) Why is ventillation necessary?

4.—Describe the oil glands; the perspiratory glands.

5.—What is the effect of alcohol upon the lungs?

MENTAL.

1.—A merchant lost $1200 of his stock and the next year gained ⅔ as much as remained, and then had 5-9 as much as at first; how much was his stock at first?

2.—A man left $2,085 to his sons whose ages were 9, 11, and 15 years respectively so that the different shares being on interest at 10 per cent. would amount to equal sume when they became of age; required, the share of each.

3.—A person went to a store, borrowed as much money as he had, and spent 12 cents he then went to a second and a third store and did the same, and had 4 cents remaining; how much money had he at first?

4.—Two steamers start from the same port and follow the same course; when the second has run 100 miles, 1-5 of the distance the first has run equals the distance it is ahead of the second. How much did the first in running 100 miles gain on the second?

5.—A man sold two house for $8000; on one he gained 20 per cent, and on the other he lost 20 per cent.; how much did he gain if the second house cost 3-5 as much as the first?

GRAMMAR.

1.—(*a*) How may a verb in the infinitive mode be used? Give examples to illustrate. (*b*) How may a participle be used? Give examples to illustrate.

2.—Construct a sentence in which that is used as (a) a relative pronoun, (*b*) a pronominal adjective, (*c*) a conjunction.

3.—Explain fully how you would teach the adjective.

4.—Classify clauses. Give an example of each

5.—Give the construction of the italicized words in the following:

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my *days*, in this dark world and *wide*
And that one *talent which* is *death to hide*,
Lodged with me *useless* though my *soul more* bent
To serve there with my Master, and *present*
My true account, lest *he returning* chide;
"Doth God *exact* day labor, *light denied*?"
I fondly ask.

ARITHMETIC.

1.—How many shingles will it take to cover a roof of a building 60 feet long, 40 feet wide, height of roof 15 feet, allowing that shingles average 5 inches wide, and are to be laid 6 inches to the weather; also that the roof projects 2 feet over the eaves and 1½ feet at each end?

2.—A and B form a partnership. A contributes $6000 and is to have 3-5 of the profits; B contributes $4000 and is to have 2-5 of the profits; each partner is to receive or pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum for any excess or deficit in his share of capital. A adds during the year $2000 capital averaging August 1: B withdraws $500, averaging November 1. At the end of the year profits are $2000; required, the worth of each share.

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4.—If I buy goods at 20 and 10 per cent. off and sell for 10 and 5 per cent. on, what per cent. do I gain?

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Death of a Rector's Daughter's.

The sad news of the death and burial of Mrs. J. H. Hutton, nee Miss Sadie Lewis, daughter of Rev. W. G. W. Lewas formerly rector of St. Anne's P. E. Church, of this town, was received here yesterday, she having died suddenly, of heart disease Dec. 23 at her home at Ralph's, N. Y. where her husband was proprietor of that well known summer resort. She was well known here, being possessed of many virtues that endeared her to all who knew her. Her parents who reside at Highlands N. Y. have the warmest sympathy of their many friends here in and out the parish, in their bereavement.

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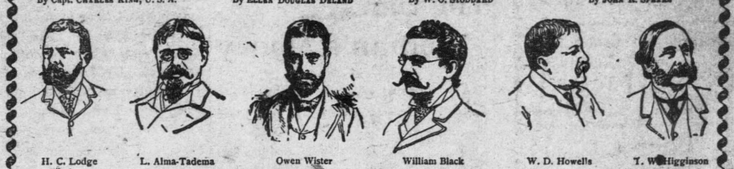

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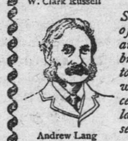

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 9, 1897

Local News.

—Lent begins this year March 3rd.

—"The *New Era* welcomes she to Middletown."

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

Small 2 lbs. chickens and under wanted by Green Bros., Odessa, Del

—Dr. McKee lost a valuable horse six years old, from cholic, last Saturday.

—I will pay one cent a piece for all burned out incandescent electric lamps; Joseph C. Jolls.

Its folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—At a special meeting of the School Board on Thursday evening Mr. James E. McCrone was appointed janitor.

—WANTED—White woman for general housework. Must be good cook. Address B, Box 162, New Castle, Delaware.

—A year's subscription to the *Youth's Companion* is a recent donation to the Y. M. C. A. a friend in Chester, Pa. being the doner.

—If you want blankets to put your horses in condition for the sale, we have them and will sell them to you in large lots at quantity prices. Wholesale & Retail.

J. C. PARKER.

—Grand Chancellor Hanson, K. of P., of New Castle has appointed Mr. Joseph A. Suydam of this town, Deputy Grand Chancellor for the lodges here and at Dover and Felton.

—Mrs. Sallie Crossland, Mr. James K. Orrell and Mr. and Mrs. William Richards attended the funeral of Mrs. Susan Richards at Smyrna on Sunday. She was in her 86th year.

For Sale—20 Horse Power Engine and Boiler all complete with brass fittings; also large iron feed mill for sale for want of use; a Bargain at $125.00. Address J. T. Stoops New Castle, Del.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

FOR RENT.—House and stable, recently occupied by J. B. Goff, on Main street. Possession given at once. Also house on Cass street, now occupied by Henry DeValinger. Hot and cold water. Apply to G. E. HUKILL.

—The new Levy Court of this county was sworn in at Wilmington on Tuesday. The Court is composed of three Democrats and and two Republicans, William A. Scott, of Townsend, was elected chairman.

—The members of Union Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M. have received an invitation to a banquet from Harmony Lodge of Smyrna for Jan. 21st which has been accepted, about 25 members having expressed a desire to attend. The fraternal feeling between Union and Harmony is very cordial.

Maud—What do you do when a man persists in asking for a dance and you don't care to dance with him? Marie—Tell him my card is full. Maud—But supposing it isn't and he still persists? Marie—Then I insist that it is and let him see that it isn't.

—The stock of groceries, horses, wagons, etc., of the Quigley and Mullen firm in Wilmington, were sold by Sheriff Flinn on Monday to Harry Emmons, Attorney for $17,500; the appraised value being $26,000. It is said the firm will soon resume business.

—Cards have been issued to the marriage of Miss Alma V. Bouchelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City, to Mr. Chas. Green, of Baltimore, on Janurary fourteenth, at five o'clock in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Chesapeake.

The remains of Miss Helena Murray were brought to Middletown on the morning train Tuesday, and taken to St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church at Bohemia, where high mass was held. She was the niece of Mr. Thomas Murray of this town, and died at the residence of her brother-in-law, John Donahoe in Wilmington, age 27 years.

—Mrs. Mary Gam, widow of the late Joseph Gam, died on Sunday in her 68th year and was buried on Wednesday at St. Georges cemetery. Funeral from her late residence at Port Penn. She was the mother of Messrs. John and James Gam, of the Pier House, with whom she resided.

—Pay your little bills, if you have any, and the big ones too, if you can. It is quite as annoying to dun as it is to be dunned, especially when it is many times repeated and a large portion of the profits is consumed in stamps and stationary urging the payment of small bills. Begin the new year well and pay your small creditors: Pay the printer.

—Five thousand dollars damage was awarded Mrs. Sidney Ewing for a sprained ankle in the Superior Court on Thursday. She claimed 15,000 for injuries received by stepping into a broken gutter-plate on Ninth street in Wilmington. The case was tried before at this term but the jury failing to agree, a new trial was asked for. Wm. H. Hilles and Lilburn Chanler were the attorneys for the plaintiff.

—On Christmas Eve the fires in the heater at the Academy were drawn and the water left off, the schools having closed and Prof. Stamey who lives in the building having left to spend the Holidays with friends elsewhere. Last week, desiring to have some cleaning done, the janitor, Richard Kale, was instructed to start up the fire. He says he went to the Academy at 6 o'clock in the morning; filled the boiler half full of water, and built the fire. When he returned about 8 o'clock with an assistant to clean up, the rooms were full of a peculiar oder, and the janitor claims to have examined the fires and to have found the magazine fallen down. He turned on the water to put out the fire. An examination was made and four of the large heavy sections of the heater were found cracked, an expert from the city was sent for, new parts of the boiler were ordered from Chicago, two men have been at work this week putting the parts together. The cost may reach $200. The janitor claims it was an accident but members of the School Board think it was carelessness in building a fire with an empty boiler. Coal stoves have been running in the rooms this week, in some departments the warmth has not been sufficient. The heater was started up yesterday.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand

James D. Sheilds, a colored man in the employ of ex-Recorder, James T. Shallcross, was badly wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun on Wednesday, and it is feared his arm will have to be amputated He was taken to the hospital at Farnhurst for treatment.

—Mr. Cyrus P. Gears, of this town, having bought out Armstrong and Sparks, of the Smyrna House, has moved to that place and assumed the management of that hostlery. Mr. Gears is very well and favorably known here, where he has lived all his life and for years was the village blacksmith. His old friends regret his going away. Mr. H. Devalinger will occupy the former residence of Mr. Gears on Green street.

Rudolph W. Fouracre, of North East, employed as night operator at Newark, was run over and killed by the cars at North East station Sunday morning. He was returning home after his night's work and in jumping from the train fell backward on the slippery platform and was terribly mangled, both legs being cut off by the cars. He was 24 years old, and a cousin of Thos. S. Fouracre of this town.

—Madame Le Compte, a well known resident of Wilmington, formerly a teacher of French and German in the Wesleyan College and lately at the Friends School and the new Century Club, of that city, died on Sunday, from injuries received by falling on the steps at the entrance of Grace M. E. Church, Sunday before Christmas, when she fractured her hip. She was of German parentage, her early life was spent in Prussia, she married a Frenchman and lived in this country. She was a very interesting and highly accomplished lady.

—Mr. Wm. R. Cochran, oldest son of ex-Gov. John P. Cochran, will discontinue farming in the spring and will move to town, occupying his residence on Main street, now in the tenure of Mr. W. B. Biggs. Jno. P. Cochran, Jr., will succeed his father on the farm and Mr. Voshell, who has for several years farmed the Geo. H. Houston farm near Jamison's Corner will take the place where the Road Commissioner now resides.

—The annual election of officers of the Volunteer Hose Company was held on the evening of Jan. 1st, viz: Pres., Wm. Taylor; First V. Pres., J. A. Suydam; Second V. Pres. E. S. Jones; Secr'y, J. C. Jolls, Treas., M. Kumpel, Jr.; Foreman J. C. Jolls; 1st Asst., S. H. Riggs; 2nd Asst., C. M. Stanger; Pipe man, J. R. Brown. The Tenth Annual Reunion and Banquet, always occasion of great pleasure, will be held on Thursday evening, Jan 28.

—Miss Sallie Jolls entertained the members of the M. E. Sunday School Orchestra and a few other friends at her home on Railroad Avenue on Friday night of last week. Music, song and recitations were the recreations of the early hours of the evening, followed later by an elegant repast. The menu consisted of:

Roast Pig Roast Duck,
Cranberry Sauce,
Salads Biscuit.
Cake, Ices, Coffee,
Nuts, Raisins
Fruits.

—If a man wants to get acquainted with human nature, let him edit a newspaper for a short time. He knows nothing of the ups and downs of life until he has served in that capacity. He may have preached, conducted a bank, sold goods, traded horses, practiesd law, sawed wood, or operated a popcorn factory, but he needs a few months' experience as editor-in-chief of a country newspaper to complete his knowledge of the eccentricities of human nature —Ex.

—Stanton, in the upper part of this county, came near having a lynching Thursday afternoon, an infuriated mob having captured Frank Thomas, a colored man in the employ of Mr. Irvine Ball, a well known farmer of that neighborhood, whose wife he had felonusly assaulted on the night previous. There were several hundred men in the posse, and they had the rope already about the man's neck when the St ate Detectives, McVey and Witzell, appeared and rescued the prisoner taking him to the police station in Wilmington.

A Twelfth Night Bride.

KEITH—PRICE.

Wednesday was the anniversary of the marriage of George Washington to the fair Lady Martha, (January 6. 1759) and Mr. Daniel P. Keith, night operater here, celebrated the day by taking to himself a wife, the chosen one being Miss Lillian Price, of near Centreville, Md.

The cere money was performed by Rev. J. H. Geogheghan, at one o'clock in the M. E. Church at Starr. The bride and groom, came to Middletown, on the afternoon train, and were delightfully entertained by Mrs. W. Lippincott who had a marriage feast prepared for them, an elegant repast beautifully served. Mr. Keith was a boarder at the Lippincott House during his bachelor hood in town.

After spending the night in their new home at the East End, Mr. and Mrs. Keith started on a ten days bridal trip. The bride was very becomingly atired in a brown and green traveling costume. They received a great many handsome gifts, Mr. Keith's co-workers at the station and his friends at the boarding house attesting their regard very substantially. The TRANSCRIPT offers congratulations and the best of good wishes.

Comptroller Kelley.

Mr. George D. Kelley, Cashier of the People's National Bank, of Middletown, assumed the duties of County Comptroller on Tuesday, taking the oath of office before Deputy Recorder Edwin A. Reed. G. E. Hukill, M. N. Willits and G. W. W. Naudain are his bondsmens. He succeeds John F. Staats, of Townsend, the only man who has been Comtroller since the office was created.

Comtroller Kelley is one of the leading citizens of Middletown, where he is held in high esteem, and is well qualified for his trustworthy position.

Horace G. Rettew, the first Republican to hold the office of Tax Receiver, was sworn in by Judge Grubb on Monday and is occupying the office at the Court House, having bonded in $50.000.

George G. Smith:

George G. Smith, a well known and popular young man of St. Georges, died on Sunday after a brief illness, aged 26 years. His funeral was on Tuesday the burial rites of the Odd Fellows, of which Society he was a member, being used. Interment at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Mr. Smith was a juror in the recent Ewing damage suit in which the jury dissagreed and was locked up three days. It is said that his death was due to the discomfort he suffered at that time. His widowed mother, a lady of large means survives him.

Public Sales.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10th.—Entire stock of farming implements, household and kitchen furniture on Samuel Derrickson farm on road leading from Taylor's Bridge to Collins Beach by, John Regener, D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Miss Jennie Green returned home from Philadelphia on Monday.

—Miss Blanche Massick has been quite sick this week, having tonsillitis.

—Mrs. James Burnham and little daughter Pauline were guests of Misses Beasten.

—Miss Essie Brown of Baltimore, is a guest at Mr. S. B. Ginn's on Cass street this week.

—Mrs. Jarrell, of Taylor's Bridge, spent Saturday with her sister, Miss Fannie Staats.

—Miss Helen Clayton spent's New Year day in Chesapeake, the guest of Miss Alma Bouchelle.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Hurn and son Frank, of Elkton, were guests of Miss Eliza Hurn this week.

—Mrs. George Janvier has closed her house here and is spending the winter in Wilmington.

Rev. W. J. Wilkie attended the meeting of the Clerical Brotherhood Wednesday in Wilmington.

—Mr. Thomas Craven, of Salem, N. J., was the guest this week of Dr. I. S. Vallandigham.

—Mrs. James Collins, who has been ill for several weeks, threatened with blood poison, is much better.

—Master Julian Taylor has been quite ill with ulcerated soar throat, and was confined to his room all the week.

—Mrs. Frances Barnes spent several days this week with her sister, Mrs. Jane Schreitz, near Chestertown, Md.

—Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie will begin housekeeping in the spring in the house now occupied by Mr. Edwin Prettyman.

—Miss Grace Benson, the milliner at Mrs. Barnett's during the past season, returned to her home in Baltimore on Monday.

—Mrs V. L. Culbertson has returned home from a several weeks visit at her brother's, Mr. James Lake in Baltimore.

—Mrs. Ella Cochran is spending a few weeks with her father-in-law, ex-Governor Cochran, at "Cochran Grange," near town.

—Miss Elsie Cleaver left on Monday for a visit among friends in Philadelphia and Sharon Hill, Pa. Her brother, Mr. Elwood Cleaver accompanied her.

—Mr. John Ash spent Sunday at his home in Chester, accompanied by Master Victor Jones, who was also an interested visitor at the 'Zoo" in Philadelphia on Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Metten and family left yesterday for their new home in Lewes, leaving many warm friends who regret to have them go. Especially will Mrs. Metten and Bernice be missed in their church work.

—Mrs. Joseph Biggs, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Josephine, left on Wednesday for Asheville, N. C., where they will remain until spring. Mrs. Anna Pennington and Miss Tillie Murphey, of Philadelphia are also wintering at Asheville.

—Mr. Leslie Schreitz and his sister, Mrs. W. B. Rhoades, of Odessa, were at their sister's Mrs. John Clendaniel, near Chestertown, on Sunday, having been summoned to the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Jane Schreitz, who is very ill with Bright's disease.

—Mrs. Thomas Cochran, Jr. and little son Fletcher, have returned to their home in East Orange, N. J. They were accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Cochran, and daughter Miss Stella and Mrs. James Warren, Mrs. Cochran and Miss Stella expecting to remain all winter.

—The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Goff have issued invitations to a social party and dance at their new home in Warwick, on Wednesday evening, January 13th. It will be a kind of "house warming" as it were.

—A letter this week from Mr. Ridgway Rothwell who learned "the art preservative" in the TRANSCRIPT office contains some pleasant words besides the renewal of subscription. He welcomes the paper as "a letter every week" to his Chicago home and he has a fancy that he would enjoy the company of old Democratic friends in Middletown as they read the editorial columns of the TRANSCRIPT.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Miss Ida Davis is visiting Miss Berenice Shockley.

Miss Ethel Boggs, of near Leipsic, is a guest of Miss Nellie Lynam.

Chicken pox has been raging among the little folks here, but we hope it has about spent its force.

W. W. Salmon and wife, of Chicago, made his parents a short visit the latter part of last week.

Rev. Albert Chandler began his extra meeting on Thursday evening. He expects Rev. Mr. Conway, of Wilmington, to assist him next week.

Robert Warren of this place died about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, after a short illness from congestion of the lungs. Interment on Friday at 2 p. m. in Emanuel Cemetery.

On Wednesday evening Appoquinimink Castle of K. G. E. installed the following officers: P. C., Wm. Bramble; N. C., W. C. Money; V. C., L. L. Maloney; S. H., H. Naylor; H. P., W. C., Deakyne; K. E., W. G Knotts; C. E., H. M Smith; M. R., R. Hodson, V. H., Geo. Stant.

Deputy Grand Chief Dr, T. A. Enos, assisted by W. C. Money, J. A. Lynam, A. E. Wells, C. D. Staats, L. L. Maloney, and Walter Gill, installed the newly elected officers of Pilgrim Castle, No. 7. K. G. E. at Clayton on Tuesday evening. They also went to Smyrna on Thursday evening and installed the officers of Union Castle K. G. E.

Sisterhood Fighting a Will.

The Convent of the Visitation of Wilmington, through one of its members Sister Monica, is, seeking to break the will of Mrs. Catherine Flynn, who died leaving an estate of $500,000. In her will Mrs. Flynn discriminated against her daughter who is Sister Monica, of the convent giving her an unequal share.

The suit is to break the will so that she shall share equally with the other heirs. As women entering convents assign to the organization all that may come to them, the sisterhood is making a strong fight to get the money in this case.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Rebecca Hawk, Frank Evans, Lizzie E. Readen, Isaac H. Windson, Maude Walker.

CHURCH CHIMES.

"The sure word of Promise" is the subject of the Epworth League on Sunday evening at 6.45 sharp to be led by Dr. C. A. Ritchie.

THE LEGISLATURE.

On Monday the Court of Errors and Appeals decided against the Republicans in the Kent county Mandamus case. The decision was unanimous and on a technicality that the certificate for West Dover hundred could not be canvassed by the inspectors. It will be remembered that the inspector had put both certificates in the box and had locked them up, and the Returning Board had refused to open the box and to take out the certificates. This left the election case just where it stood Nov. fifth the Republicans having elected their ticket by a majority of from 99 for J. Frank Allee for the Senate to 250 for others on the ticket. The Democratic inspectors had thrown out enough votes to count in the Democrats.

Thus stood the matter when on Tuesday the members of the General Assembly met for organization. In the Senate Chamber Barney McVey had been put in charge of the door and he admitted such Democrats as he pleased or as he was directed. The only Republicans admitted were the four Senators and Mr. Allee, Senator-elect. When 10 o'clock arrived, the hour for organization, Senator Hanby moved that Senator Alrichs be made speaker pro tem; Senator Harrington moved that Senator Pyle be the temporary speaker. Subsequently it it was claimed that Mr. Hanby was slow in putting his motion, which he denied, and accused Senators Pierce and Moore of being traitors. Mr. Addicks charged that George V. Massey had sold out the Republican Party. The reports are conflicting as to just how it was done but Senator Pyle on a four to four vote assumed that he was elected. took the chair and despite the protests of Senators Hanby and Alrichs, he proceeded to carry things with a high hand, in fact to complete the Kent county steal. He declared Mr. Meredith elected Senator from Kent county, Senator Alrichs entered a written protest which was ignored like everything else that came from Republicans. The road was then easy to the following permanent organization.

Speaker—Hezekiah Harrington of Kent county.
Clerk—Simon P. Doherty of Wilmington
Reading Clerk—George H. Heuston of Seaford.
Sergeant at Arms—R. F. Quillen of Bethel.
Page—Willard H. Parsons of Dover.
Chaplain—Rev. T. P. Reville of Dover.

Senator Pierce received the Republican vote for Speaker but Mr. Meredith having been sworn in the vote was declared to be 5 to 4 for Senator Harrington. It is said that on Monday and Monday evening the Democrats made overtures to several of the Republicans, offering clerkships, sergeant at-arms, &c., for a vote for speaker, especially to Senator Pierce, but later it was decided easier to steal the speakership and all with it.

HOUSE ORGANIZATION.

In the House also Republicans were kept out excepting that six of the members-elect from Kent county forced their way into the Hall of Representatives. Having a majority it was only necessary to ignore Republicans which was done. Representative Short nominated Mr. Dickey, who holds a stolen seat, as Speaker pro tem., and he was selected. Under the direction of Mr. Dickey the roll was made up to include the Democrats from Kent county, Mr. Wilson being sick and it is said he will not take his seat because he doubts his election. This shut out the Republicans from Kent county and though they protested through Dr. Marshall their motions appeals and protests were ignored, and they walked out. The House was then organized with the following officers:

Speaker—Emory B. Riggin of Laurel.
Clerk—George W. Spicer of Mill Creek hundred.
Reading Clerk—C. W. Kern of Milford.
Sergeant at Arms—W. B. Hazel of Smyrna.
Page—C. M. Golt of Dover.
Chaplain—Rev. H. G. G. Vincent of Dover.

THE RUMP HOUSE.

The Republicans of Kent withdrew from the Hall of Representatives and being joined by their fellow party men from Sussex county who were not elected according to all the election figures given out, they proceeded to the old Library in the State House and organized by electing Dr. Conwell temporary Speaker and Chas. R. Hasting as Clerk. They then adjourned to the Richardson Hotel, the persons taking part being:

Kent county—George W. Marshall, Thomas C. Moore, Luther S. Conwell, Morton E. Downs, George C. Hering, Jason B. Simmons, William H. Moore, Sussex—Simeon S. Pennewill, Robert Short, O. D. Moore, Joseph W. Willard, William J. Thoroughgood, David J. Long, Frederick Walls.

Dr. Moore of Smyrna was made Speaker; Charles R. Hastings, of Millsboro Clerk; Thomas E. Brown of Milford, reading clerk; Joshua Clayton, of Mt. Pleasant, sergeant-at-arms; and Rev. R. H. Adams of Dover, Chaplain. The officers and members were sworn in but having no Senate with which to co-operate there was no business further for them to do. They adjourned to Friday.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

After organization the two bodies notified the Governor that they were ready to proceed to business and Secretary of State Whiteman soon anwered by presenting the Governor's message to each house. The message was read and ordered printed. The Senate ordered the appointment of the usual committees. In the House the first business was the reading of the contest of Woodward W. Chears against John T. Dickey, and at the morning session a committee was named to hear the case but at the afternoon session this was reconsidered and the matter will be referred to the regular committee when named. The two houses a to Monday morning next.

MY MARYLAND.

Cards are out for the marriage of Rev. Van Pierce Northup of St. John's M. E. Church Cecil county, to Miss Lelia May, Townsend of Snow Hill, Worcester county, Thursday, January 7th.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Miss Mabel Vernon Watts, daughter of Mr. James Watts, of Cecilton, and Mr. John Anderson, also of that place were married in Zion M. E. Church, Cecilton, by Rev. R. Irving Watkins, pastor.

Miss Marion May Todd, daughter of Dr. H. Lacid Todd, and Lucien Selover, of Cambridge, Md., were married in the Presbyterian Cauroh, Salisbury Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the presence of a large assemblage of people.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Turrell, of Elkton, celebrated the fifty-seventh anniversary of their marriage last week. They have six children, seventeen grand-children and six great grand children all living.

Similia Similibus.

I saw in an office a sign
On which this legend was shown:
"Don't tell your troubles to me;
I have troubles enough of my own."
So some have not learned even yet
It is good other's sorrows to share;
Our own burdens sink out of sight
When the burdens of others we bear.
Daniel M. Henderson.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla
GOOD
for all diseases that have their origin in impure blood.
BETTER
than other sarsaparillas, better made, of better ingredients and by better methods. Its record of cures proclaims it the
BEST

ODESSA NOTES.

Skating has come and gone.

Revival services have begun at the M. E Church.

The children are happy that school days have arrived again.

The Presbyterian Church has closed its doors for the winter.

Mrs. Geo. W. Davis has been the guest of friends in Sudlersville, Md.

A number of ice houses were filled during the recent cold weather.

The young ladies of Odessa are talking of giving a "German" in the near future.

Mr. George Green was in Philadelphia, for several days during the present week.

The teachers of the several departments of the Public Schools returned on Monday.

R. D. Hoffecker, Jr., of the "Smyrna Times," has been the guest of Geo. L. Townsend, Jr.

The New Castle Co. Nat'l Bank has re-elected all the former directors to serve for the ensuing year.

Miss Louise VanDyke has resumed her studies in Philadelphia after spending Christmas holidays at home.

J. Cookman Bryan, of Washington, D. C. and Wm. Bryan, of Philadelphia, have returned to their respective homes.

David L. Morgan has rented of Geo. L. Townsend the Baker property on Main street and will take possession on March 25th.

The Steamer Clio has discontinued her regular trips between Odessa and Philadelphia, owing to the heavy ice that has blocked the creek.

Jno. W. McCoy Jr., has returned from Philadelphia where he spent the month of Dec. in looking after the interests of Mr. Wanamaker. We mean business and not political interests.

The regular annual meeting of the Odessa Creamery Co. for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensusng year, will be held at the creamery building at 2 p. m. on Tuesday next,

We hope our readers will pardon the absence of Odessa notes in the TRANSCRIPT for the past few weeks. During the Christmas Holidays the social tide has been flowing so swiftly that it has been impossible to do justice to all, in accounts of the parties, and social gatherings that have enlivened the town. We did not wish to show partiality and for this reason have been forced to keep out of print.

The report is current here that one of Middletown's most prominent citizens is seriously contemplating removal to Odessa. We congratulate him on his good taste and better judgment and will be glad to see him. Apropos, of this idea it might be well to call the attention of people wishing to spend their days in quiet retirement, in close communion with nature as she is and ought to be, to the fact that Odessa has not an equal on the Peninsula from a standpoint of natural advantages. It is certainly an ideal town for residence. Rents are low, society congenial, natural drainage unexcelled, located at it is fifty feet above tide water, boating and fishing all that could be desired and in fact every advantage that could enter into the requirements of an ideal country life. The town is incorporated, but so economically governed that taxes are probably lower than in any other town in the state where equal advantages obtain. The neighborhood offers inducements too for persons wishing to engage in agriculture. The land is highly improved, of fine natural quality and the produce has easy access to the Philadelphia markets by steamboat here. Add to this the canning establishments, and the Creamery Co. making a home market for the staple articles of farm produce and you have a haven of rest where trials cease and troubles are no more and an abode where even the mythological "Pan" might well have longed to rule.

DELAWARE CITY.

F. Bruner, Jr., has moved to Phila.

Charles Wingate is in town this week.

D. Webb, Jr., of Newark, Del., was in town Monday.

Rev. George S. Gassner was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Miss Cora Bigger is visiting Miss Crossland near St. Georges.

Revival services are being held at the M. M. Church this week.

Miss Nellie Swan is visiting Mrs. H. Ellison near Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Sallie Gassner entertained a few friends Saturday evening.

Miss Taylor, of Wilmington, visited Miss Frankie Dempsey this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellison, of Mt. Pleasant, were in town Tuesday.

A Twelfth Night Party was held in the Parish house Wednesday evening.

Miss Hettie Bennett and Miss Davis, of Kennedyville, have been visiting Miss Bessie Price.

The Rectory improvement society met at the residence of Miss Annie Hunter, Monday evening.

Miss Hackett, who has been visiting friends here, has returned to her home in Wilmington.

Miss Emma Partridge, of Philadelphia, who has been the guest of the Misses Ubil has returned home.

Miss Elsie McCaskey, of Lancaster, Pa., Misses Sue and Kate Crumbaugh and Ralph Crumm, of Wilmington, were guests of Miss Lidie Stout on Wednesday.

Miss Hannah Ubil died suddenly Thursday morning at the home of her brother, Mr. I. H. Ubil. Funeral services were held Sunday evening, interment near Pomeroy, Tuesday morning.

[The following note should have been added last week to the DelawareCity letter] The Delaware City Public Schools have just ended their fourth month. There were one hundred and eighty-seven pupils in attendance; of these fifty-four have been present every day during the month; twenty-one every day during the term. Those receiving an average of 90 per centum or over are—May Taylor, Annie Hemphill and Alida Dunlap, of the Academic Department; Wm. Wingate, Donald Chesire, Laura Householder, Eva Collins, May Everngam and Clarence Downs, of the Grammar Department; Harmon Dempsey, Laura Young, Lottie Adler, Mira Nickle, Blanche Clayton, Alice Reybold, Edna Vanhekle, Caroline Clark, Lizzie Aker, Helen Jester Norman Wingate, Sophia Clendaniel, Clara Swan and Morton Price, of the intermediate Department and Ella Wortz, Mary Schaefer, Verta Wingate, Nellie Holliday, Isabella Reybold, Alice Hickey Marion Clark, Lydia Nickle, Grace VonCulin, Maggie Rhein, Charles Lugend, Ralph Clark, George Householder, Albert Clayton, Carl Aker, Tom Armstrong and Lionel Bright, of the Primary Department.

The Maryland penitentiary authorities are making a name for themselves for their honest and humane management of the State's penal system. During the past year, under Republican management, the cost of maintaining the prisoners was $104 per capita less than in previous years. This was sufficient for ample and wholesome food and there has been no cause of complaint on the part of prisoners. The penitentiary officials furnished the men with work, making them in a good measure self supporting.

MIDDLETOWN MARKETS.

PRODUCE.

Creamery Butter, lb	25@28c
Country Butter, lb	20@24c
Eggs, doz	22
Lard, lb	6@8c
Potatoes,	20@25
Spring chickens	10c
Apples per basket	35@40c

GRAIN.

Wheat, No. 1, bus	89c
Wheat, No. 2, bus	90c
Timothy Seed, bus	2 00
Clover Seed, bus	5 50
Corn, yellow, bus	20c
Corn, cob, bus.	22c
Oats, bus.	22c

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan. 4, 1897.

Large Merchandise Movements THIS business is opposed to waste—waste of money in gathering and distributing merchandise; waste of time, which would be more expensive still. And so, the seasons that Old Fogyism counted necessarily dull are improved to handle vast lots of goods with largest benefit to Our Public.

Wanamaker's outlet for dependable merchandise is appreciated by manufacturers in two continents, and the help of this retail store is eagerly sought by them. Stockrooms are emptied, idle capital is released, and all with no demoralization of the wholesale channels of trade.

Great Linen Selling HAVE you gotten a share of the fine Irish Table Linens? $35,000 worth came to us at prices not much above half the usual—and the linens are the good staple products of that great Belfast firm—Wm. Liddell & Co.

The whole stock carried by their American house came to us—

TABLE CLOTHS
NAPKINS
DOYLIES

Table Cloths, 2x2 yards, $3.50 instead of $6.
Table Cloths, 2x3 yards, $5 instead of $8.25.
Table Cloths, 2x3½ yards, $4 instead of $7.
Table Cloths, 2x4 yards, $5.50 instead of $9.
Table Cloths, 2½x2½ yards, $6 instead of $12.
Table Cloths, 2½x3 yards, $5.50 instead of $9.
Table Cloths, 2½x3½ yards, $5 instead of $8.25.

And of each size there are cloths at less prices and at higher prices than we've mentioned—but all at equal reductions from usual prices.

Then we've larger cloths—up and up to 7 yards in length, and some 3-yard wide cloths—for banquet use from 3½ to 4½ yards long.

NAPKINS to match some of the cloths. Just as cheap.

And DOYLIES—
$1.75 kind for $1.00
$3.00 kind for $1.75
$4.00 kind for $2.50
$6.00 kind for $3.50

Note Paper THREE pounds of good paper—ladies' note—for 25c. That means twelve quires of first-rate unruled paper, white or cream, for a quarter. And envelopes to match, 5c a package.

Just the same good sort of paper that you've long known here—but at about half the former price. Bigger buying did it.

3 pounds for 25c or 1 pound for 10c.

Skating Caps THE newest, prettiest sorts of Caps for fair skaters, 35c, 40c, 50c, 75c and 85c.

And Scotch-knit Tam O'Shanters, 35c and 40c.

Tam O'Shanters of camel's-hair, 50c, 75c and 85c.

Hoods for sleigh-riders, $2.50, $3.25, $4 and up to $7, fur trimmed.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

NOTICE!

A Meeting of the STOCKHOLDERS of the ODESSA CREAMERY COMPANY will be held at the Creamery Building, on

Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 1897,

at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing Nine Directors to serve for One Year.

GEORGE L. TOWNSEND,
ODESSA, DEL., Jan. 4th '97. Secretary.

Notice--Dividend!

PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
December 26th, 1896.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 9th, 1897.

GEO. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Notice--Dividend!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NAT. BANK
OF ODESSA, DEL.,
January 6th, 1897.

The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT, for the past six months, clear of Taxes and payable on and after the 15th inst.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Dividend Notice!

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
January 5th, 1897.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Divided of THREE PER CENT., payable to the Stockholders on and after January 15th, 1897,

6-24 JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

REMOVAL SALE

JACOB REED'S SONS,

CHESTNUT STREET---916, 918, 920, 922,
Philadelphia.

Very Strong Reductions in all Departments. Many lines are selling for cost or less than cost. Suits as low as $5. Overcoats as low as $7.50. Especially heavy cuts in Boys' and Children's Clothing. Great opportunities in Furnishings, Hats, Shoes and Dress Details. Everything here must be sold.

Dr. T. H. Gilpin Dr. J. C. Stites
SURGEON DENTISTS
TEETH
EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN
by the use of Obtunder.
GAS ADMINISTERED.
OFFICE: CORNER MAIN AND SCOTT STS
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

LUMBER ...and... COAL!

BUILDING LUMBER of all kinds
INCLUDING
Yellow Pine and Hemlock Frame, White Pine and Hemlock Boards and Fencing, Siding, Flooring, Shingles.
Several Grades
Roofing Lath, Plastering Laths and Pickets.
MILL WORK OF ALL KINDS!
Paints of the Best Manufactures.
BUILDING AND AGRICULTURAL
...LIME...
DRAIN TILE and Woven Cedar PICKET FENCE.
BEST VEINS OF
HARD AND SOFT COAL.
KULL STOCK! LARGE VARIETY!

G. E. HUKILL
Middletown, Del.

NOTICE TO
Poultry Raisrs and Gunners!
HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR
Live & Dressed Poultry
GAME, EGGS AND SQUABS,
EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

GREEN Bros.,
ODESSA, DEL

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or piece of land with the two-etory brick dwelling thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Stroud street at the distance of 30 feet southerly from the southerly side of Brown street; thence easterly parallel with Brown street and pasing through the middle of the brick division wall between the house on this lot and the house adjoining on the north 99 feet to the westerly side of an alley 3 feet wide, leading from Brown to Wright street; thence southerly parallel with Stroud street 15 feet to a corner; thence westerly parallel with Brown street and passing through the middle of the brick division wall between the house on this lot and the house adjoining on the south 99 feet to the easterly side of Stroud street, and thence thereby northerly 15 feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of James Keenan and Mary E. Keenan, his wife, mortgagors, and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, December 23d, 1896.

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ON SATURDAY,
THE 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the city of Wilmington, in the county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Union st. at the distance of 145 feet northerly from the northerly side 16th st., and running thence easterly and parallel with Sixteenth street 150 feet; thence northerly parallel with Union street 100 feet; thence westerly parallel with Sixteenth street 150 feet to the said side of Union street, and thence therewith southerly 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Theodore H. Pratt and Louisa Pratt, his wife, mortgagors, and Jacob Eldridge Pierce, Harry A. Beeson, Henry Hoopes, Edwin H. Gayley and Daniel W. Taylor, Otho Nowland and John H. Danby, assignees of Edwin H. Gayley and Daniel W. Taylor, Catherine Colton, James H. Hoffecker, Jr., and Catherine Colton, administrators of Franklin B. Colton, deceased; Frank Hill Colton, Mame C. Tibbit, Albert B. Colton, Harry B.